Withdrawal of Troops from Kashmir Valley

†913. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw 5000 soldiers from Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the said decision has been taken after assessing the situation prevailing in the State;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether peace is returning in the State and if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(f) the measures taken to deal with any kind of terrorist activities in future; and

(g) whether Pakistan has also brought down the number of soldiers on its borders and accepted India's line of control alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (g) The quantum of troops deployed in the State of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) is continuously assessed and reviewed by the Army based on the changing threat perception.

Terrorist activities in J&K have been on the decline. The number of violent incidents in J&K has come down from 2565 in 2004 to 1990 in 2005. The Army has adopted a comprehensive counter infiltration strategy in J&K, comprising of a multi-tiered arrangement, including a forward tier of troop deployment, deployment of state-of-the-art surveillance devices, the Line of Control (LC) fence and a second tier of deployment in conjunction with the fence. This has resulted in a substantial drop in the successful infiltration/exfiltration attempts by the terrorists. The Army, along with other intelligence and security agencies, continuously reviews its strategy to

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ensure that infiltration is minimized and the violence levels in J&K remain under check.

There are no inputs to suggest that Pakistan has brought down the number of soldiers on its borders. Both India and Pakistan have agreed to respect Line of Control in J&K.

Treatment of common man in military hospitals

†914. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions regarding the treatment of common man in military hospitals in accident cases and in emergency on humanitarian ground;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such military hospitals in the country wherein this facility have been provided; and

(d) whether Government will provide this facility in the remaining military hospitals also?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As per the Regulations for the Medical Services of the Armed Forces 1983, in an emergency, medical officers are required to attend to sick calls from any person, taking such subsequent action as may be necessary. Once the condition of the patient has stabilized and the patient is considered fit for transfer, then the person is referrred/transferred to the nearest Civil hospital having the necessary facilities.

(c) The Regulation is applicable to all military hospitals and medical establishments in the country.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

Development of Kaveri Engine by DRDO

915. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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